

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

determining that a user is authorized to receive less than all of an electronic mail message based

on at least one digital right associated with the electronic mail message;

~~selecting the portion of the electronic mail message that the user is authorized to receive;~~

reducing the electronic mail message ~~to remove~~ by removing the unauthorized portion ~~but~~

retaining at least a portion of the electronic mail message that the user is authorized to receive; and

providing the ~~selected portion to the user in the~~ reduced electronic mail message to the user.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein determining that ~~[[a]]the~~ user is authorized to receive less than all of the electronic mail message comprises determining that ~~[[a]]the~~ user is authorized to receive less than all of the electronic mail message based upon at least one of a copyright, a distribution right, a broadcast right, a reproduction right, a publication right, a licensing restriction, fair use, and a restriction imposed by the Digital Rights Millennium Copyright Act.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein determining that the user is authorized to receive less than all of the electronic mail message comprises accessing at least one of a user input and a user profile;

further comprising:

providing to the user information relating to at least one portion of content of the electronic mail message;

providing to the user information relating to the unauthorized portion, wherein the unauthorized portion is associated with at least one protected content indicator;

receiving, from the user, at least one preference for reducing the electronic mail message;
and

wherein reducing comprises reducing based upon the preference received from the user,
wherein the preference refers to a reduced resolution version of the electronic email message and
a transfer criteria associated with downloading of the electronic mail message;

wherein providing the reduced electronic mail message includes providing using trickle
downloading; and

wherein the reduced electronic mail message includes an attachment, wherein the digital
right is associated with the attachment, and wherein providing the reduced electronic mail
message includes providing less than all of the attachment based on the associated digital right.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein accessing the user profile comprises accessing the user profile on at least one of a local device and a remote device.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising acquiring authorization to receive a protected portion of the electronic mail message.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein acquiring the authorization comprises acquiring a license to receive the protected portion of the electronic mail message.
7. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein acquiring the authorization comprises directing the user to an owner of the digital rights to the protected portion of the electronic mail message.

8. (Original) The method of claim 5, further comprising providing the protected portion of the electronic mail message in response to acquiring the authorization.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising determining a format associated with the electronic mail message in response to determining that the user is authorized to receive less than all of the electronic mail message; and
wherein reducing the electronic mail message comprises reducing based on at least the determined format and wherein ~~selecting-reducing the portion~~ comprises determining a format of at least one file associated with the electronic mail message.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein ~~selecting-reducing~~ the portion of the electronic mail message comprises identifying at least one chart, table, page, agenda, table of contents, summary, audio clip, or video clip based upon the determined file format.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein ~~selecting-reducing~~ the portion of the electronic mail message comprises reducing the resolution of the at least one file associated with the electronic mail message based upon the determined file format.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein reducing the resolution of the at least one file comprises downcasting a portion of at least one of an audio file, video file, a multimedia file, an image file, and a graphics file.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising determining that it is desirable to receive less than all of the electronic mail message.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein determining that it is desirable to provide less than all of an electronic mail messages comprises:

determining a threshold time;
determining a value associated with a data transfer rate;
determining a value associated with a size of the electronic mail message;
estimating a transfer time using the determined value associated with the data transfer rate and the determined value associated with the size of the electronic mail message;
comparing the threshold time and the estimated transfer time; and
~~selecting~~ reducing a portion of the electronic mail message based upon the comparison.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein providing the ~~selected portion of the reduced~~ electronic mail message comprises transmitting the reduced electronic mail message ~~selected portion~~ from a server to a processor based device and storing the reduced electronic mail message on the server.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein providing the ~~selected portion of the reduced~~ electronic mail message comprises transmitting the reduced electronic mail message ~~selected portion~~ from a processor-based device to a server and storing the reduced electronic mail message on the processor based device.

17-33. Cancelled

34. (Original) A method for interfacing with a user of a computer system having a graphical user display, comprising:

displaying at least one indicator of a digital rights management rule associated with at least one portion of at least one electronic mail message;
monitoring the position and selection status of a pointer controller to detect that at least one of the at least one indicators has been selected by the user; and
providing an indication of a user authorization associated with the at least one portion of the at least one electronic mail message and the digital rights management rule in

response to detecting that at least one of the at least one indicators has been selected by the user.

35. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein providing the indication of the user authorization comprises providing at least one of an option to acquire one or more digital rights and an option to downcast the at least one portion of the at least one electronic mail message.

36. (Original) The method of claim 34, further comprising providing an option to modify the digital rights management rule associated with the at least one portion of the at least one electronic mail message in response to detecting that at least one of the at least one indicators has been selected by the user.

37. (Original) The method of claim 34, further comprising controlling a pointer element on the graphical user display with a user pointer controller, the pointer controller having position and selection status responsive to operation by the user.

38. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein displaying the at least one indicator of the indication of the user authorization associated with the at least one portion of the at least one electronic mail message and the digital rights management rule comprises displaying at least one of a closed-lock icon and an open-lock icon.